

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
AUTHORITY MEETING

Minutes of Township Authority Meeting held June 6, 2006

A special business meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Authority was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Members present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William C. Seeds, Sr., William Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, David B. Blain, and Norman Hoffer, Jr.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steve Stine, Township Solicitor; William Weaver, Sewer Authority Director; Jodi Reese, CET; and Val Karabcievschy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Seeds led those present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2006, March 20, 2006, and April 18, 2006 Authority minutes. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Members' Comments

No comment was presented from Board members.

New Business

Motion to approve the Malcolm Pirnie Hydraulic Modeling Services Proposal

Mr. Weaver explained that Malcolm Pirnie is the special consultant for the City of Harrisburg who completed the model for the Long Term control Act 537 Plan. He noted that as part of the joint committee with Susquehanna Township's Authority, it was recommended that

Malcolm Pirnie provide a proposal to perform some additional modeling that would help Lower Paxton and Susquehanna Township's determine if they could add additional peak flows to the interceptor above the peak flows that they needed to achieve as identified by CET as 17 MGD's, which is the limitations where the bottleneck begins at the City of Harrisburg's Sewer system.

Mr. Weaver noted that page two of the proposal lists five different tasks for a total of \$39,700 to evaluate different levels of flows that are identified on page two of Attachment "A". He noted that Scenario 1 would add 5 MGD peak flow; Scenario 2 would add 10 MGD peak flow; and Scenario 3 would add 16 MGD peak flow. He noted that an evaluation would be made for the different levels, and Lower Paxton Township share for the modeling would be \$23,423.00, with Susquehanna Township paying \$16,277.00. Mr. Weaver requested the Authority Board members to approve the expenditure of \$23,423.00.

Mr. Hawk questioned if the request was for a total not to exceed the amount of \$23,423.00. Mr. Weaver answered that that was correct.

Mr. Seeds questioned if CET recommends the work. Ms. Reese noted that Malcolm Pirnie has created the model, created the software for the flow rates. She noted that they would determine whether to use a 16-inch or 24-inch size pipe. Mr. Seeds noted that the work would be done in Harrisburg City. Ms. Reese noted that it would help to increase the flows to Harrisburg. She noted that CET would be comfortable with the model as designed, and the sewer information would be calibrated.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the request for the Malcolm Pirnie Hydraulic Modeling engineering services in the amount of \$23,423.00, which is the Lower Paxton Township share of the cost. Mr. Blain seconded the motion and a unanimous voice vote followed.

Motion to approve the agreement of sale for purchase of the 14.88 acre lot in Commerce Park

Mr. Weaver noted that he attended a joint meeting with the Susquehanna Township Authority to discuss alternative methods to eliminate the hydraulic overloads in the Paxton Creek Basin, to include looking for sites for storage. He noted that a lot in Commerce Park was selected and for ease of purchase of the lot, Lower Paxton Township should enter into a agreement of sale for this land as it would be used for the I & I abatement program. He explained that the Township could enter into an agreement with Susquehanna Township for reimbursement for the cost of the land. He noted that the agreement would be very detailed concerning shared expenses.

Mr. Weaver explained that Mr. Wolfe suggested that the Authority members could have Mr. Hoffer review the land value in event the land would not be used as part of the project, to ensure that the land could be resold, and the Authority would not lose money in the deal.

Mr. Wolfe noted that Mr. Hoffer made a recommendation for an appropriate amount to offer for the land, taking into account if the land was not used as intended, it would not result in a financial mistake for the Authority to purchase the land.

Mr. Seeds questioned the total cost for the land. Mr. Weaver explained that the realtor, Julie Trogner provided an estimate for the price of the land.

Mr. Hawk noted that it would be appropriate for the Authority Board to recess the meeting in order to go into Executive session to discuss the terms of the real estate deal. The meeting recessed at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Hawk reconvened the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Mr. Hawk explained that during the Executive Session, the Authority members discussed the acquisition of land.

Mr. Hawk made a motion to authorize the Township Manager, George Wolfe to offer \$650,000 for the purchase of land on Commerce Drive with a \$20,000 down payment. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Resolution 06-04 approving the new schedule for attorney collection
fees for delinquent sewer accounts

Mr. Weaver explained that the firm of James, Smith and Dirkin had prepared a resolution for the approval of a new schedule for attorney collection fees. He noted that the purpose is to increase the costs to cover the filing for sheriff's sales. He noted that the fee schedule for the writ of execution has increased from \$1,500.00 to \$2,175.00 to cover their expenses in the filing of sheriff's sales.

Mr. Weaver noted that James, Smith and Dirkin have prepared a new resolution, which lists the new fees. He noted that the authorization of this resolution would allow for the continuation of the sewer collection fee program.

Mr. Seeds questioned if the fees increased was due to an increase from the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Weaver answered that that was correct.

Mr. Blain made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-04, approving the new schedule for attorney collection fees for delinquent sewer accounts. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion, and a unanimous voice vote followed.

Mr. Hawk noted that the discussion of Township reports would be tabled until the next Authority Meeting since the Board members were scheduled to go into session for a Township business meeting .

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle

Approved by:

Gary A. Crissman
Authority Secretary